

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-3 and add the following new claims 4-19.

- 1 4. (New) A protective hand guard comprising:  
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3 a gelatinous cushion which provides for distribution of forces over a  
4 large area, thereby protecting a hand from point load impact forces when  
5 said protective hand guard is worn; and  
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7 a palm strap to secure the protective hand guard to the hand.  
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- 9 5. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 4, wherein the gelatinous cushion is  
10 encased in a vinyl or laminate coated fabric, which allows the protective  
11 hand guard to conform to a shape of the hand.  
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- 13 6. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 5, wherein the fabric includes any  
14 one of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyurethane (PU) coated fabric, Lycra and  
15 spandex backed material.  
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- 17 7. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 4, wherein the gelatinous cushion  
18 is secured on the protective hand guard such that it protects the dorsal  
19 surface of the hand.  
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- 21 8. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 4, wherein the palm strap is  
22 arranged on the protective hand guard such that it covers a palm surface of  
23 the hand.  
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- 25 9. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 4, wherein the gelatinous cushion  
26 is arranged on the protective hand guard such that it protects a palm  
27 surface of the hand.  
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- 29 10. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 4, further includes a cushion  
30 stabilizer designed to protect a lower region of the dorsal surface of hand.  
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- 32 11. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 4, wherein the gelatinous cushion  
33 extends such that it protects a lower region of the dorsal surface of hand.  
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- 35 12. (New) A protective hand guard comprising:  
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37 a gelatinous cushion which provides for distribution of forces over a  
38 large area, thereby protecting a hand from point load impact forces when  
39 worn; and  
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41 a finger loop to secure the protective hand guard to the hand.  
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- 43 13. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 12, wherein the gelatinous cushion

44 is encased in a vinyl or laminate coated fabric, which allows the protective  
45 hand guard to conform to a shape of the hand.

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47 14. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 13, wherein the fabric includes  
48 any one of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyurethane (PU) coated fabric, Lycra  
49 and spandex backed material.

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51 15. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 12, wherein the gelatinous cushion  
52 is secured on the protective hand guard such that it protects the dorsal  
53 surface of the hand.

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55 16. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 12, wherein the finger loop is  
56 arranged on the protective hand guard such that it goes around a finger of  
57 the hand.

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59 17. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 12, wherein the gelatinous cushion  
60 is arranged on the protective hand guard such that it protects a palm  
61 surface of the hand.

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63 18. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 12, further includes a cushion  
64 stabilizer designed to protect a lower region of the dorsal surface of hand.

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66 19. (New) The protective hand guard of claim 12, wherein the gelatinous cushion  
67 extends such that it protects a lower region of the dorsal surface of hand.  
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